

197987



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Memorandum

NHTSA-2002-12150-33

Subject: Submission to Docket 2002-12150

Date: OCT 21 2002

From: Jacqueline Glassman
Chief Counsel

Reply to
Attn. of:

To: Docket No. 2002-12150

On October 17, 2002, John Womack, Heidi Coleman and I met with Joan Claybrook and Laura MacCleery of Public Citizen. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the pending rulemaking relating to Part 512 of the Agency's regulations, and in particular the treatment of early warning data. Public Citizen indicated its intent to submit comments. Ms. Claybrook and Ms. MacCleery also outlined some of the comments Public Citizen intends to include in its written submission. Public Citizen was informed that, consistent with longstanding policy, the agency will consider comments filed beyond the closing of the comment period to the extent possible, but will not delay the preparation of the rule. This comment period closed on July 1, 2002. We suggested that Public Citizen submit any comments as soon as possible. Public Citizen also pointed out that discussions on the disclosure of early warning information in the rulemaking documents in the early warning docket had not been placed in this docket. No discussion took place with regard to the substance of Public Citizen's concerns.

DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
OCT 22 10 11 AM '02

